

Peer Review Plan for the Lesser Slender Salamander (*Batrachoseps minor*) Species Status Assessment

About the Document

Title: Lesser Slender Salamander (*Batrachoseps minor*) Species Status Assessment

Description of Document: The Species Status Assessment is intended to be an in-depth review of the species' biology and stressors, an evaluation of its biological status, and an assessment of the resources and conditions needed to maintain long-term viability.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Individual letters

Number of reviewers: The peer review process included written requests for peer review from six peer reviewers.

Selection of Peer Reviewers: The Service selected peer reviewers based on their expertise with the subject matter.

Reviewer expertise: Expertise sought for the review includes familiarity with the life history, threats, and habitat requirements for the lesser slender salamander, its morphological and genetic characteristics, and similarities with other *Batrachoseps*.

Estimated start date of peer review: December 21, 2017.

About Public Participation

Opportunities for the Public: The public had an opportunity to provide information regarding the Panamint alligator lizard following the publication of the 90-day finding in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 56423; September 18, 2015). Should we determine that listing of this species is warranted, a notice in the **Federal Register** will initiate another opportunity for the public to provide comments and information through the standard rule-making process (e.g., via www.regulations.gov).

The Service also submitted the Species Status Assessment for review and comment to: 2 State wildlife agency partners, and 1 County partner.

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